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1. Yugoslav views on urgency of Austrian treaty--Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Bebler has strongly urged, in a conversation with US Ambassador Austin at the UN, that an Austrian treaty be concluded at the earliest possible date. The Yugoslav Minister declared that Yugoslavia is now solely interested in preserving its independence and is convinced that the Austrian treaty, with an agreement on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Austria, would be of immense benefit in encouraging Yugoslav resistance to Soviet pressure. Bebler admitted that Soviet troops would not leave Austria immediately after the treaty was signed and that the USSR could find a pretext for not withdrawing its troops from Hungary and Rumania, but he expressed the opinion that the USSR would be reluctant at present to face UN criticism of such evasion of its treaty obligations. The Yugoslav official expressed the hope of his Government that the US will not be rigid in its attitude towards the economic clauses of the treaty because the dangers of no settlement are "far more serious."

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